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In re

Patent Application of

Jeff G. Van Nice, et al.

Application No. 10/030,853

Confirmation No.: 4161

Filed: January 11, 2002

Examiner: Kenneth W. Bower

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Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

One-Month Extension of Time Check in the Amount of \$55.00 for One-Month Extension of Time

Applicant claims small entity status.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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(1)	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3)	(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	69	MINUS	55	14	X \$9	126.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	7	MINUS	4	3	X \$44	132.00
			TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT			258.00

A check in the amount of \$258.00 is attached.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this a request for the same.

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Response and Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004. Enclosed with this response is a request for extension of time to extend the period for reply to October 4, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to amend the present application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

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